TAILS INSTALL

Install Tails - Requirements

1. A USB flash drive with at least 8GB of data.
2. Windows 7+ computer.
3. 2GB of RAM.

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1. Go to the website https://tails.net/. Click on **Install Tails**.

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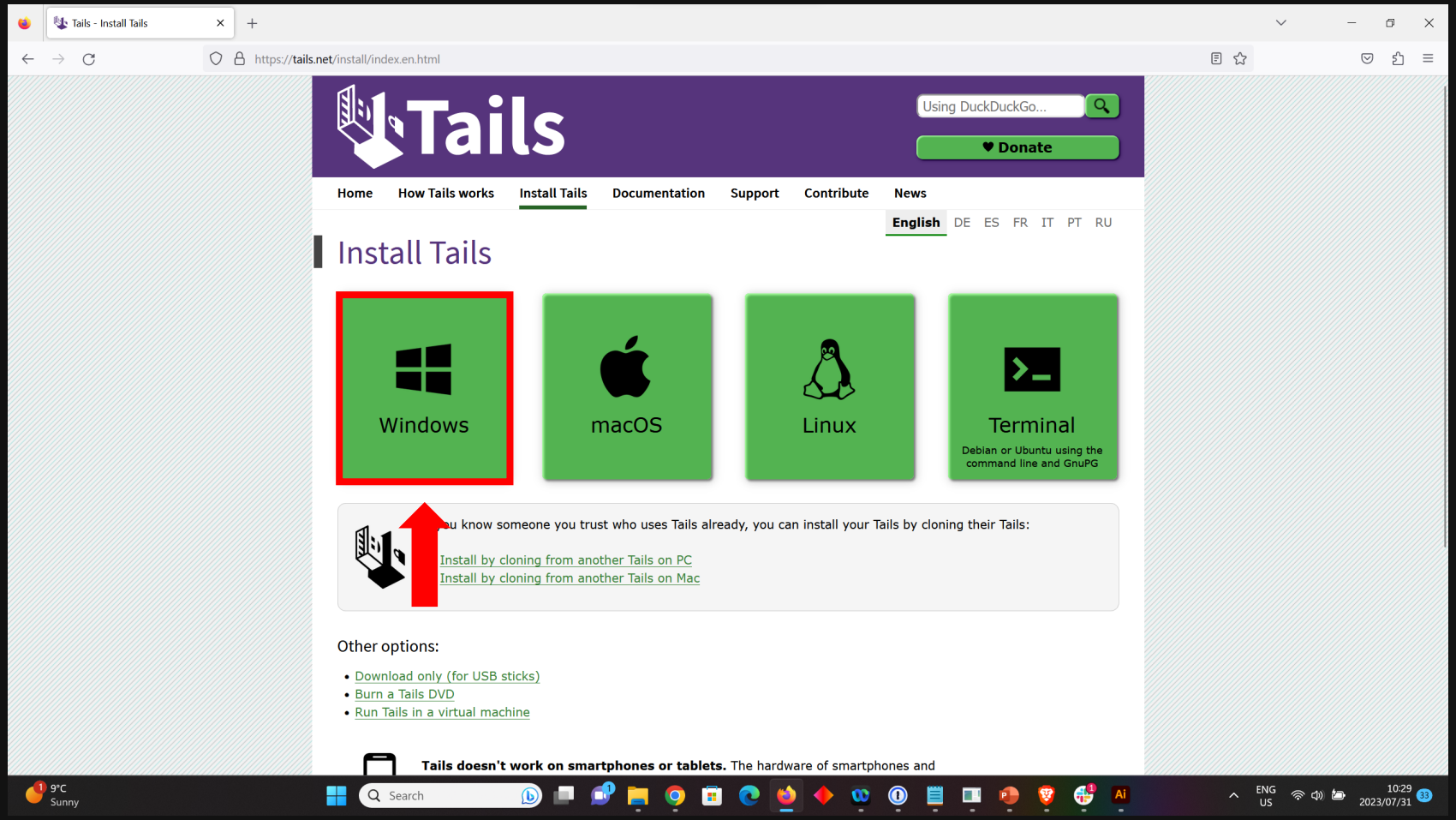
2. Pick your operating system from the buttons below. In our case it is Windows.



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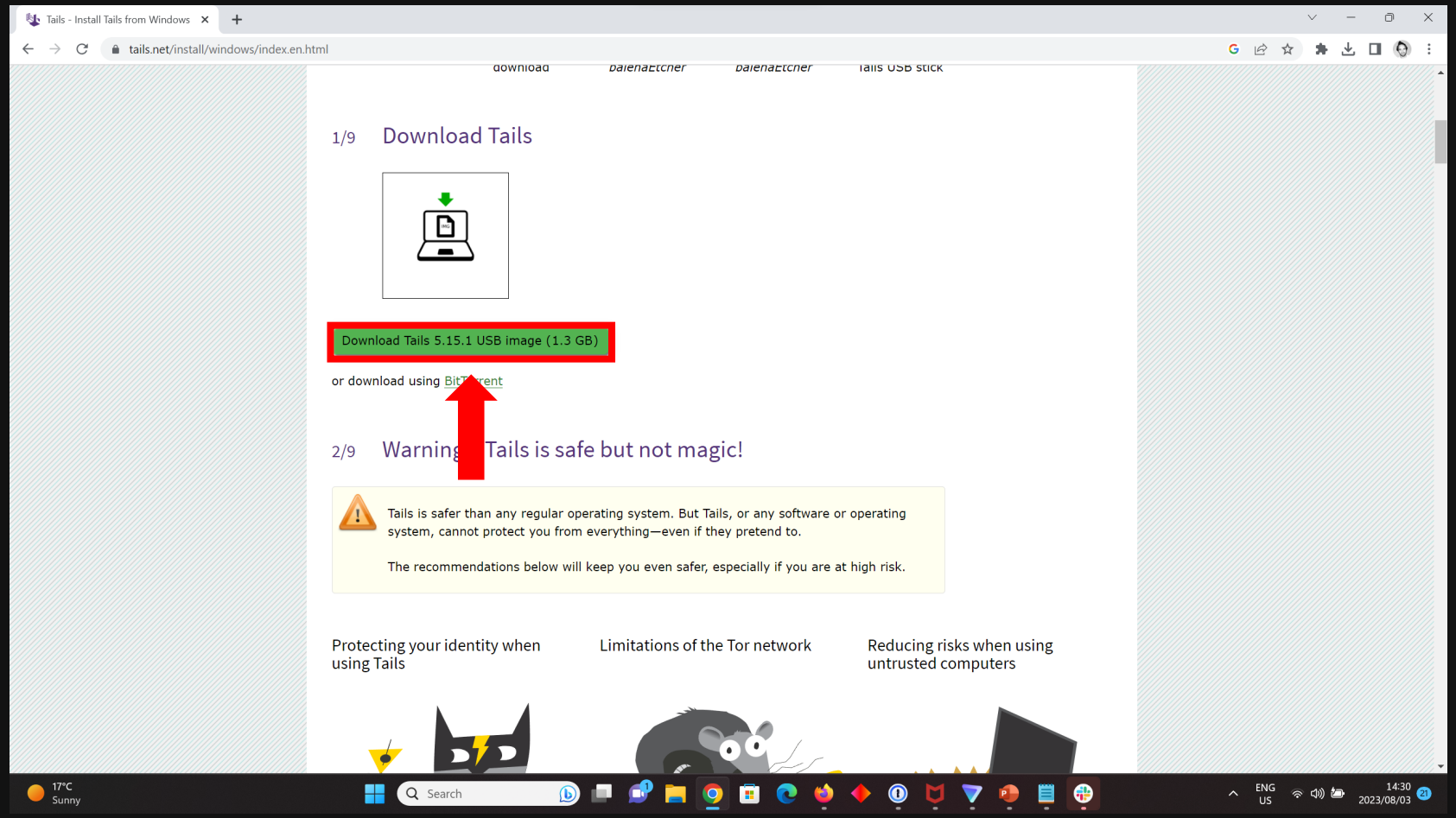
3. Click on the download button to download Tails


Tails - Install Tails from Windows
tails.net/install/windows/index.en.html
1/9 Download Tails
Download Tails 5.15.1 USB image (1.3 GB)
or download using BitTorrent
2/9 Warning: Tails is safe but not magic!
Tails is safer than any regular operating system. But Tails, or any software or operating system, cannot protect you from everything—even if they pretend to.
The recommendations below will keep you even safer, especially if you are at high risk.
Protecting your identity when using Tails
Limitations of the Tor network
Reducing risks when using untrusted computers
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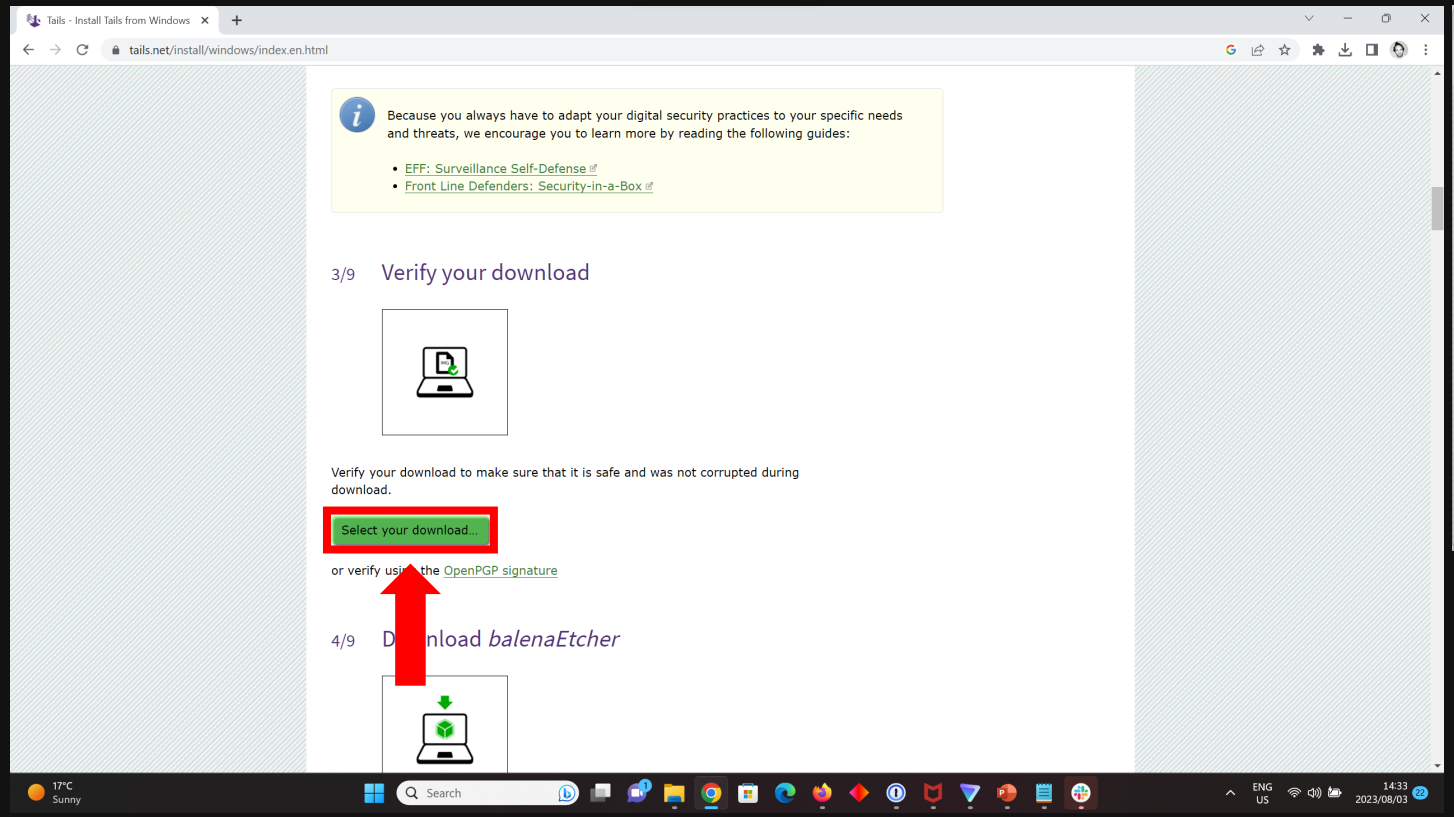
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Front Line Defenders: Security-in-a-Box
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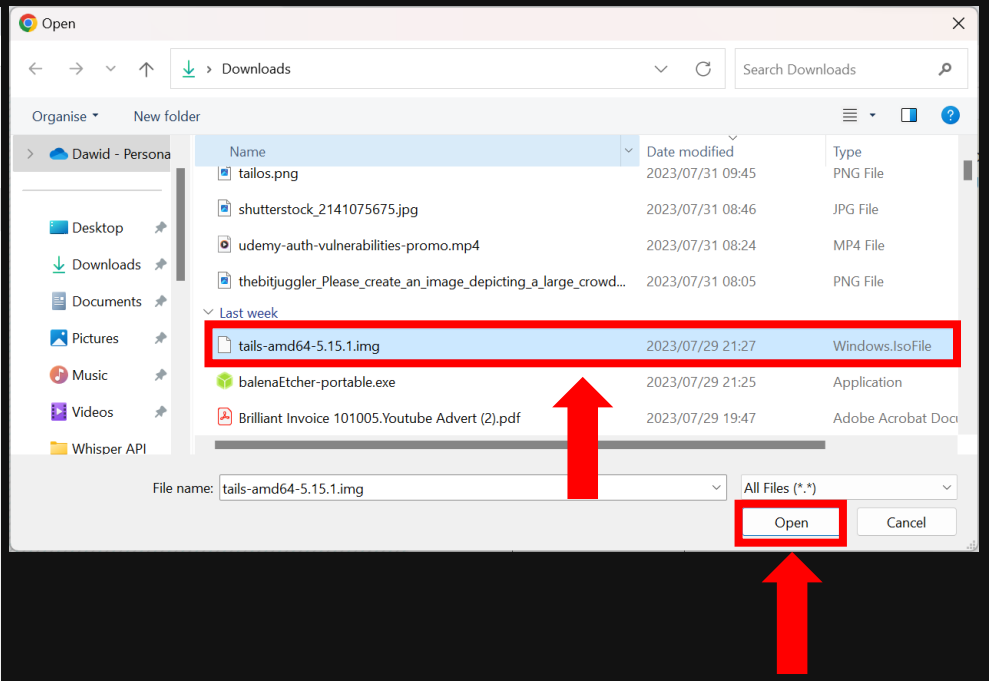

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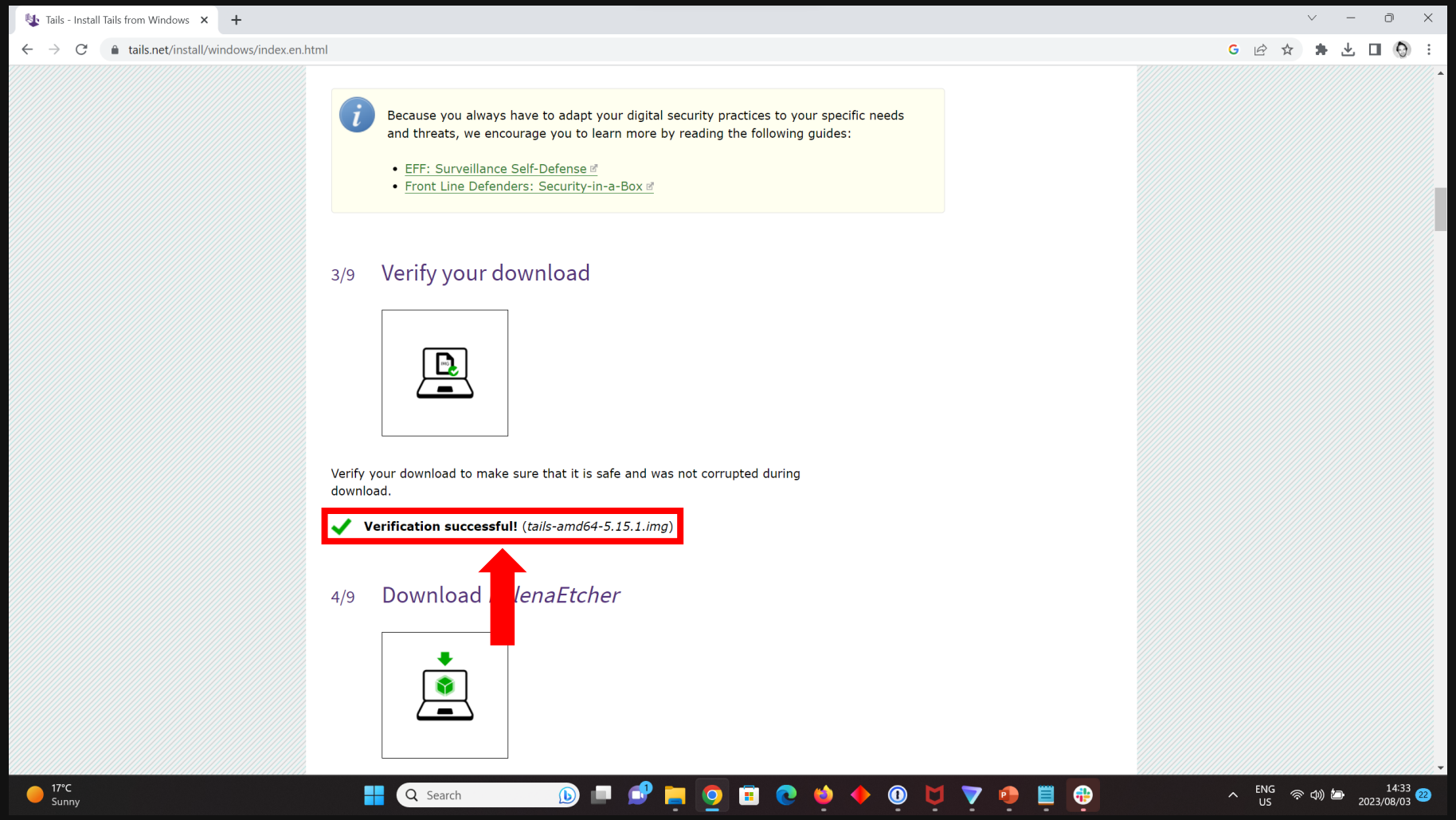
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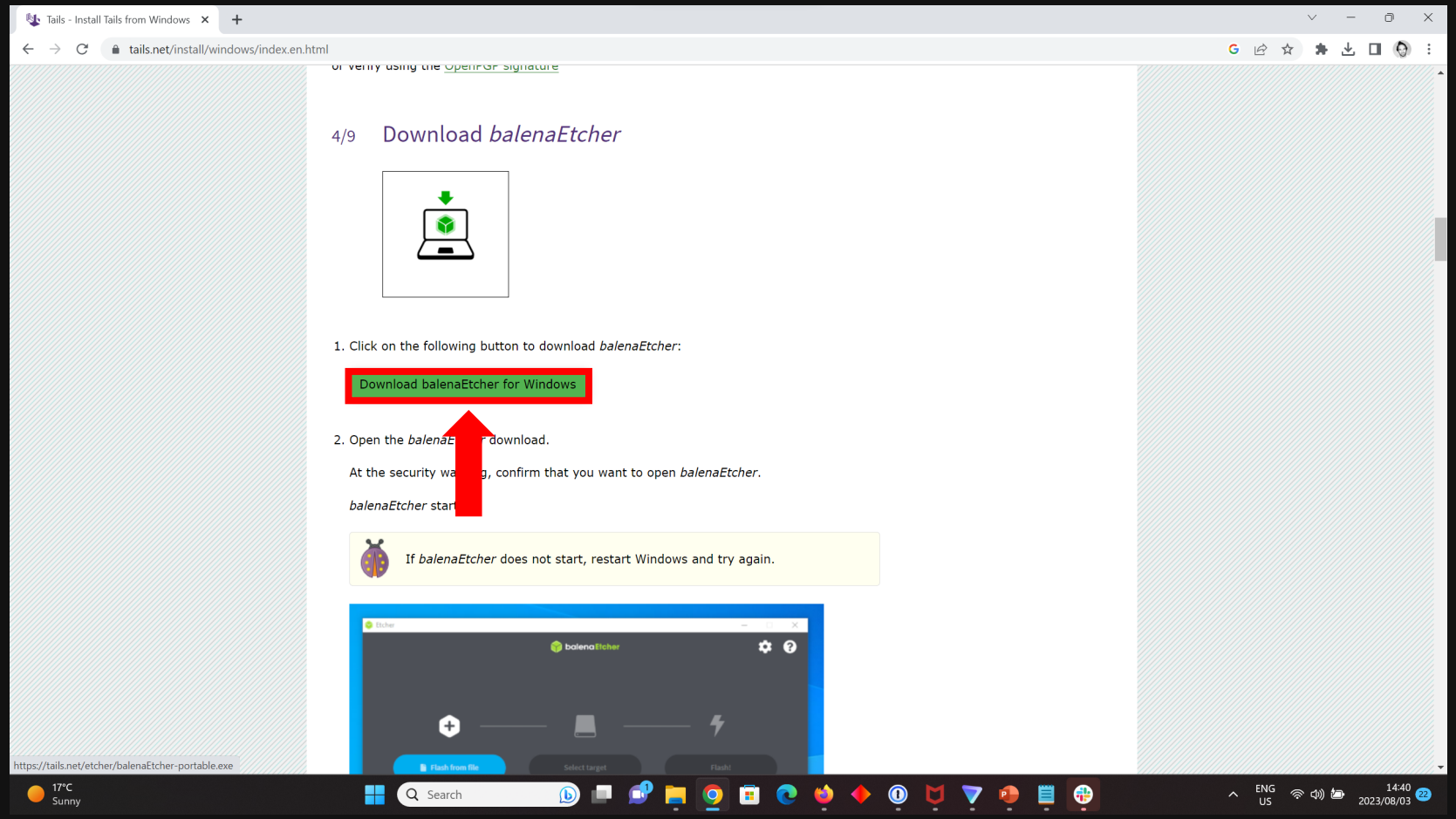
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Download balenaEtcher for Windows
2. Open the balenaEtcher download.
At the security warning, confirm that you want to open balenaEtcher.
balenaEtcher starts.
If balenaEtcher does not start, restart Windows and try again.
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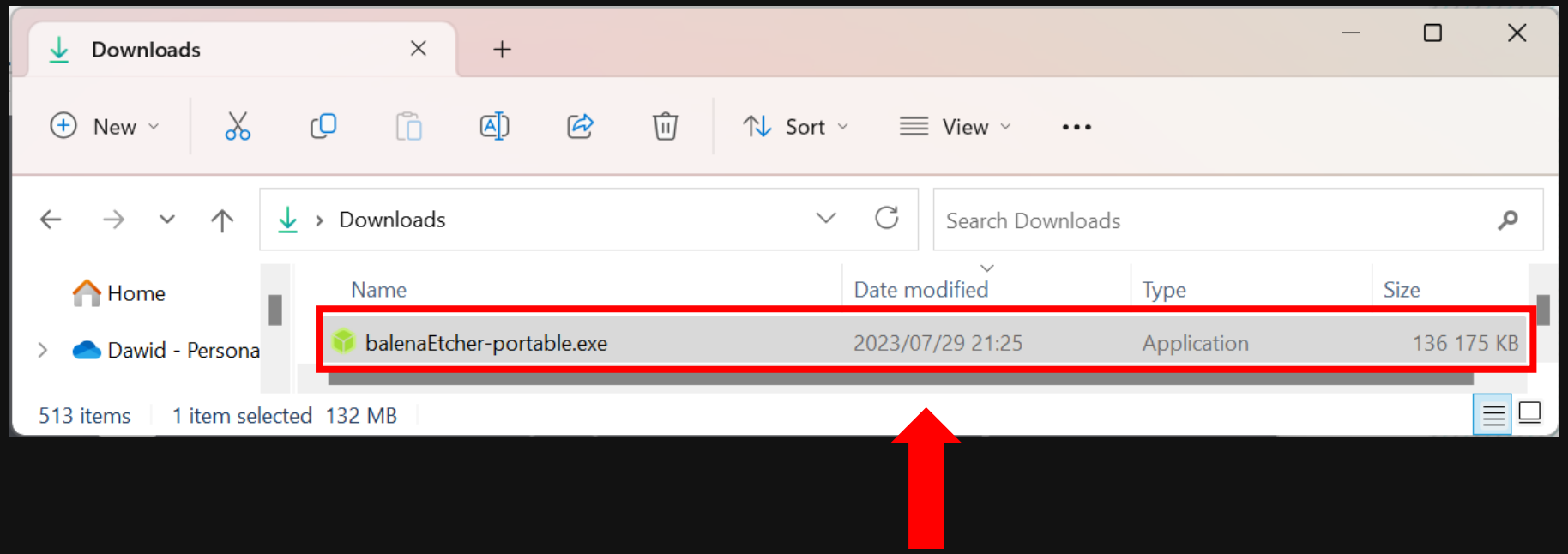
6. Run the balanaEthcer-portable.exe file you just downloaded.



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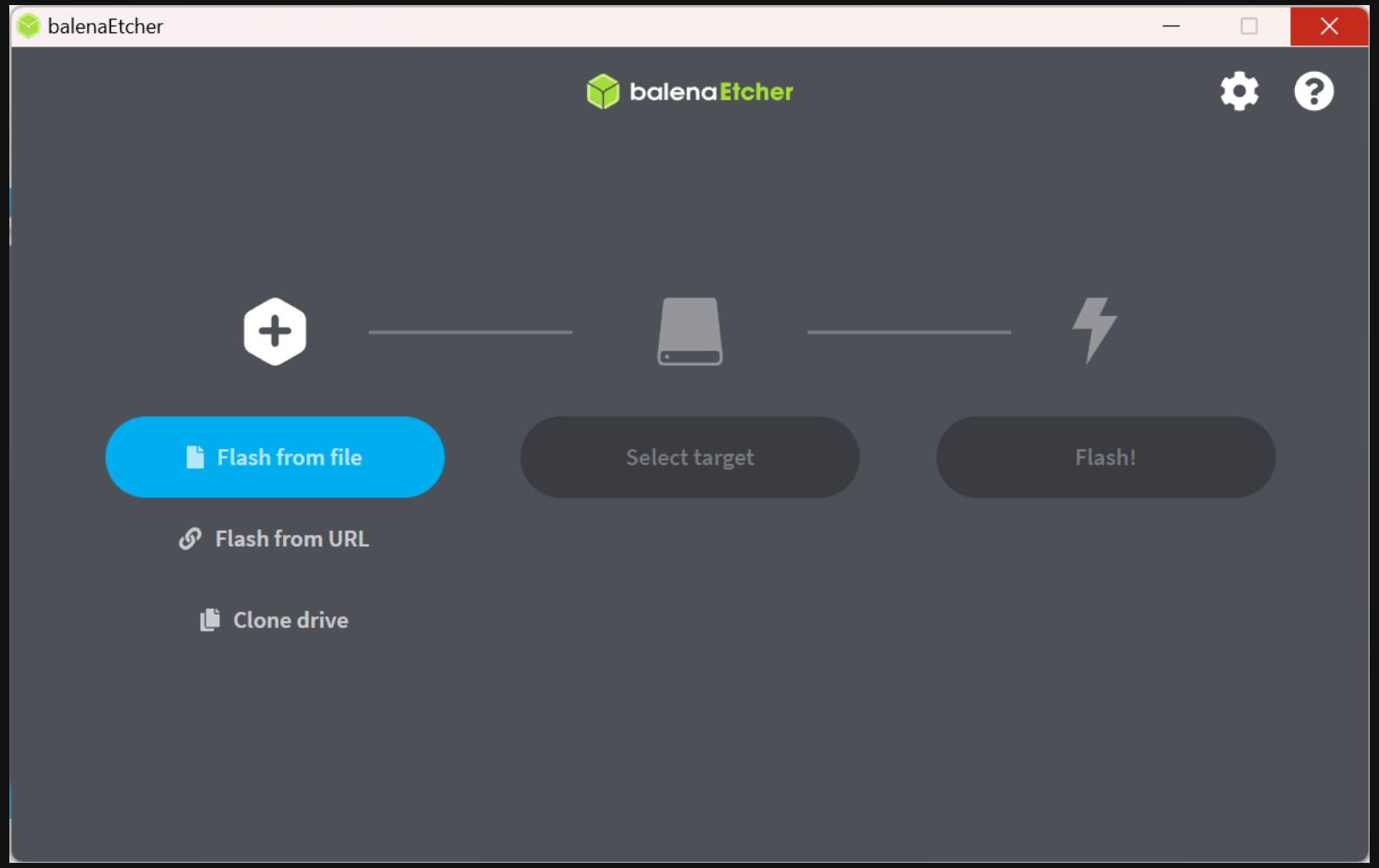

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7. Plug in your USB stick that you want to write Tails to.

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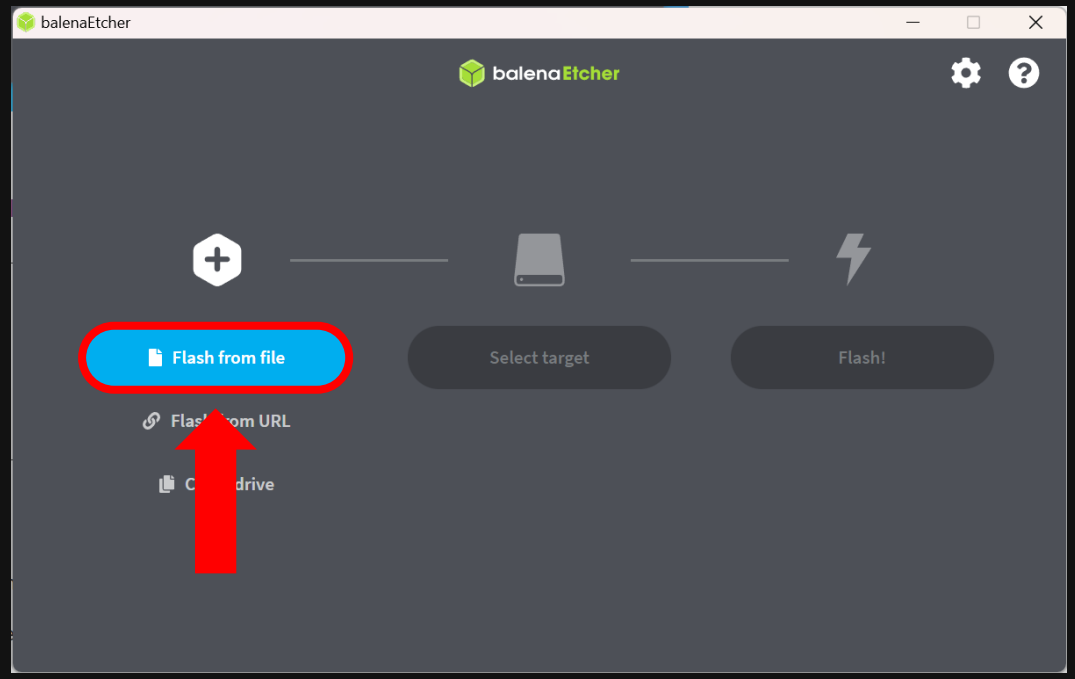
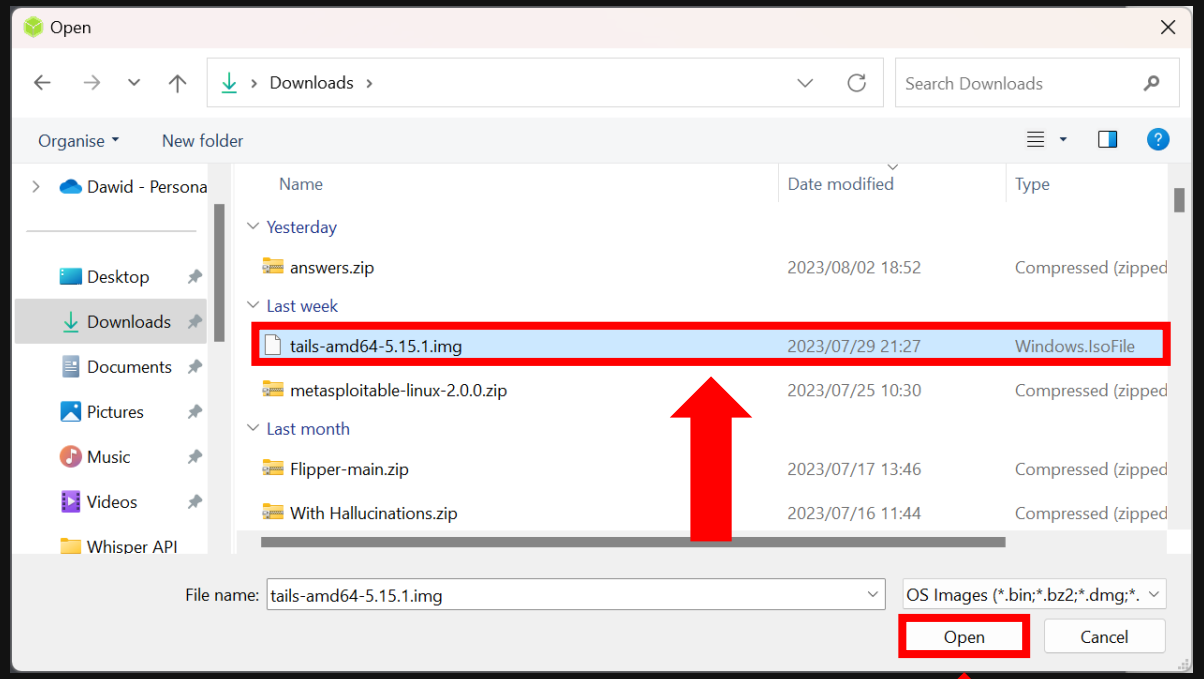
8. Click on Flash from file. Then select the Tails file from where you downloaded it.





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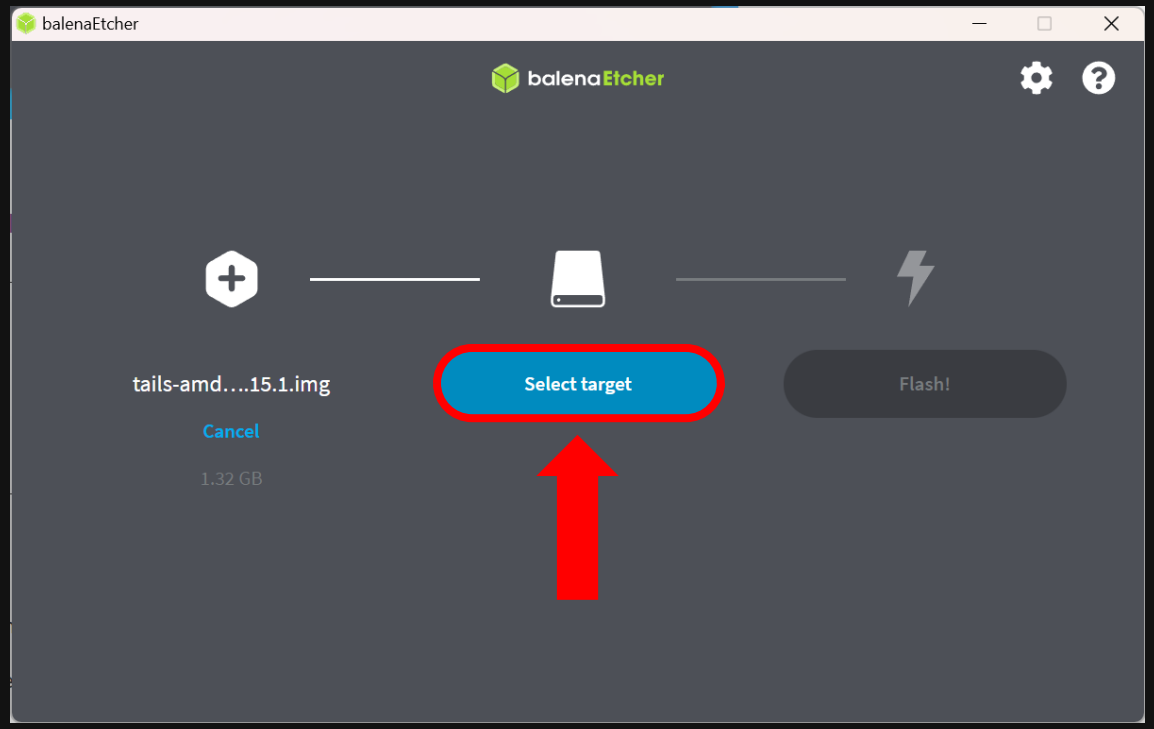
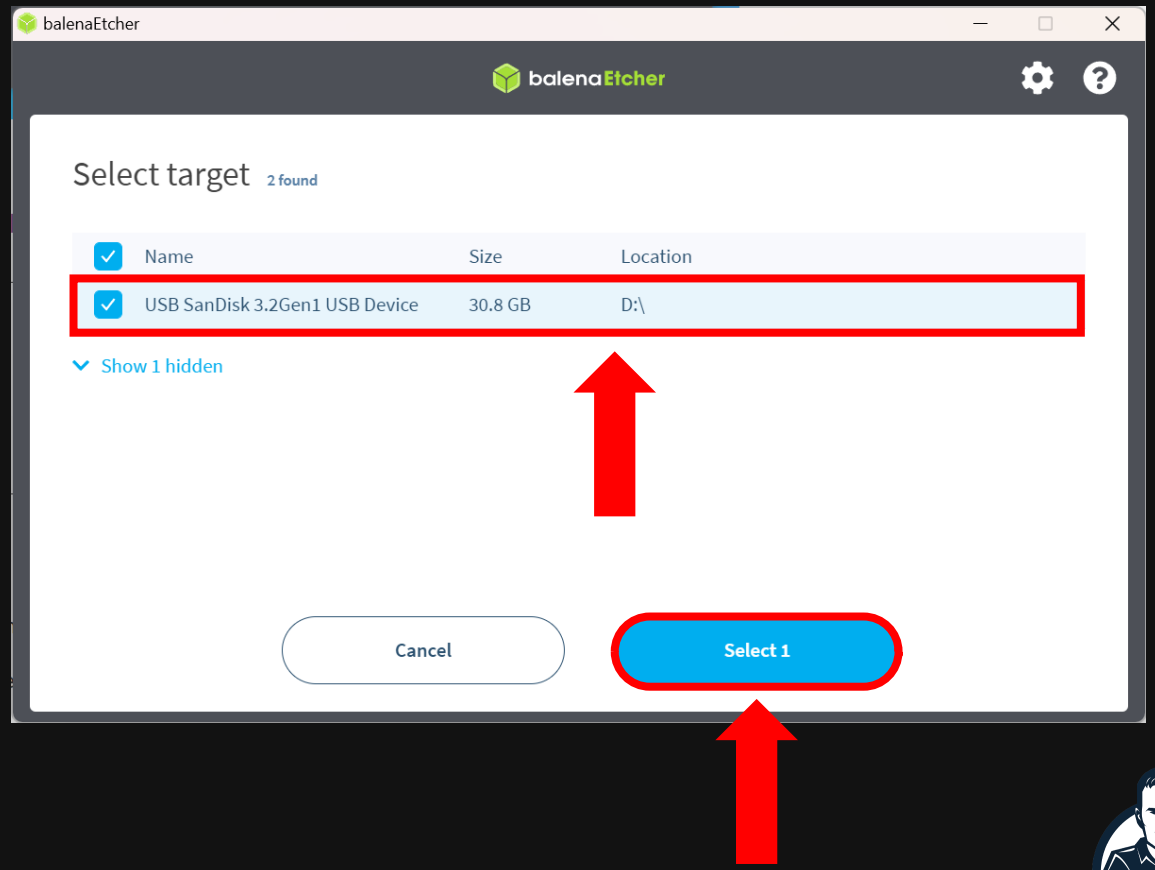
9. Click on Select target. Then select your USB drive and press Select 1.





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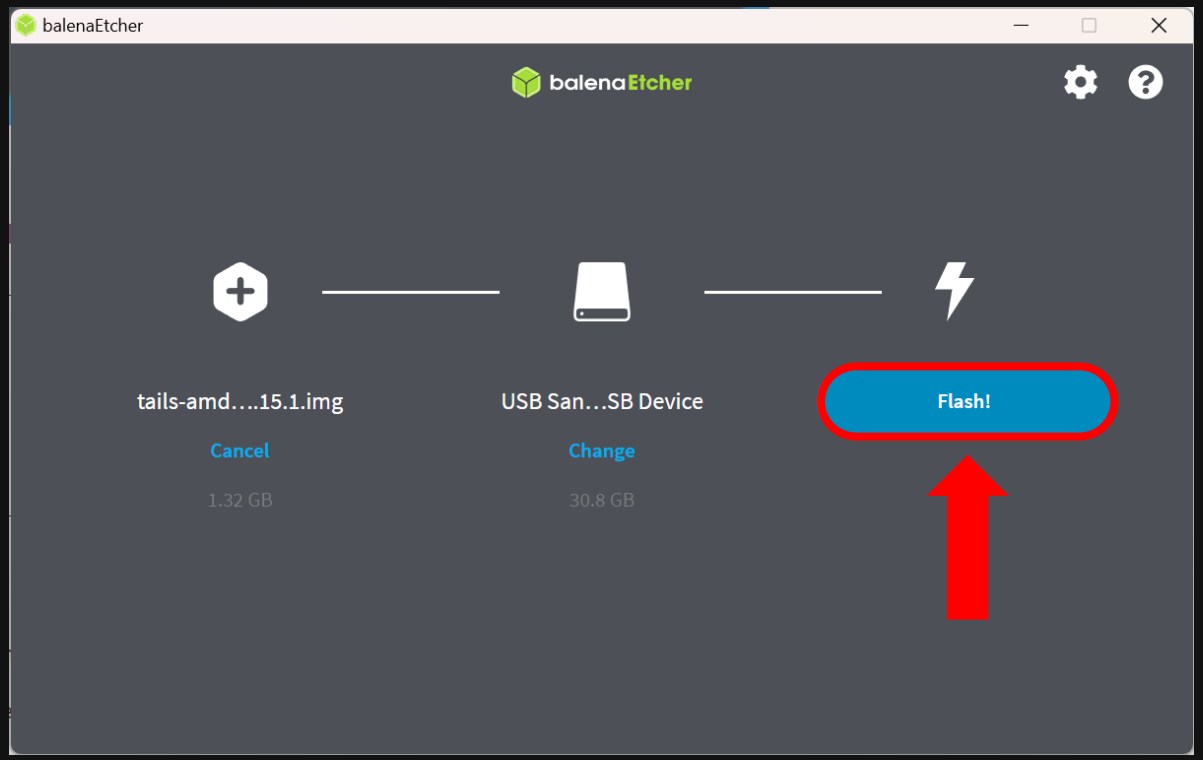
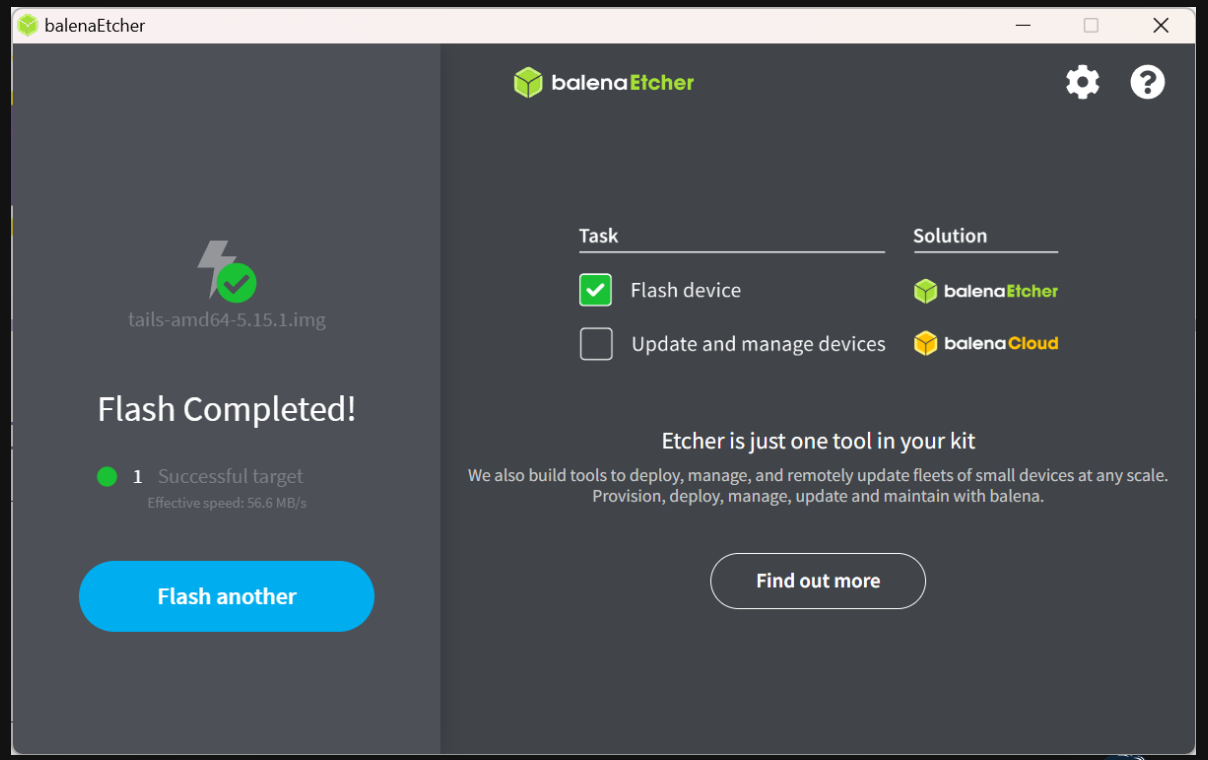
10. Press **Flash!** and wait for the flash to complete.





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The following steps may not work as instructed on the Tails website. You might need to go into your BIOS and change the boot sequence. Booting into your BIOS will depend on your device manufacturer. The following list may help you. But a quick Google search might be the way to find out, as it will not always be consistent.

Manufacturer	Key
Acer	F12, F9, F2, Esc
Apple	Option
Asus	Esc
Clevo	F7
Dell	F12
Fujitsu	F12, Esc
HP	F9
Huawei	F12
Intel	F10
Lenovo	F12, Novo
MSI	F11
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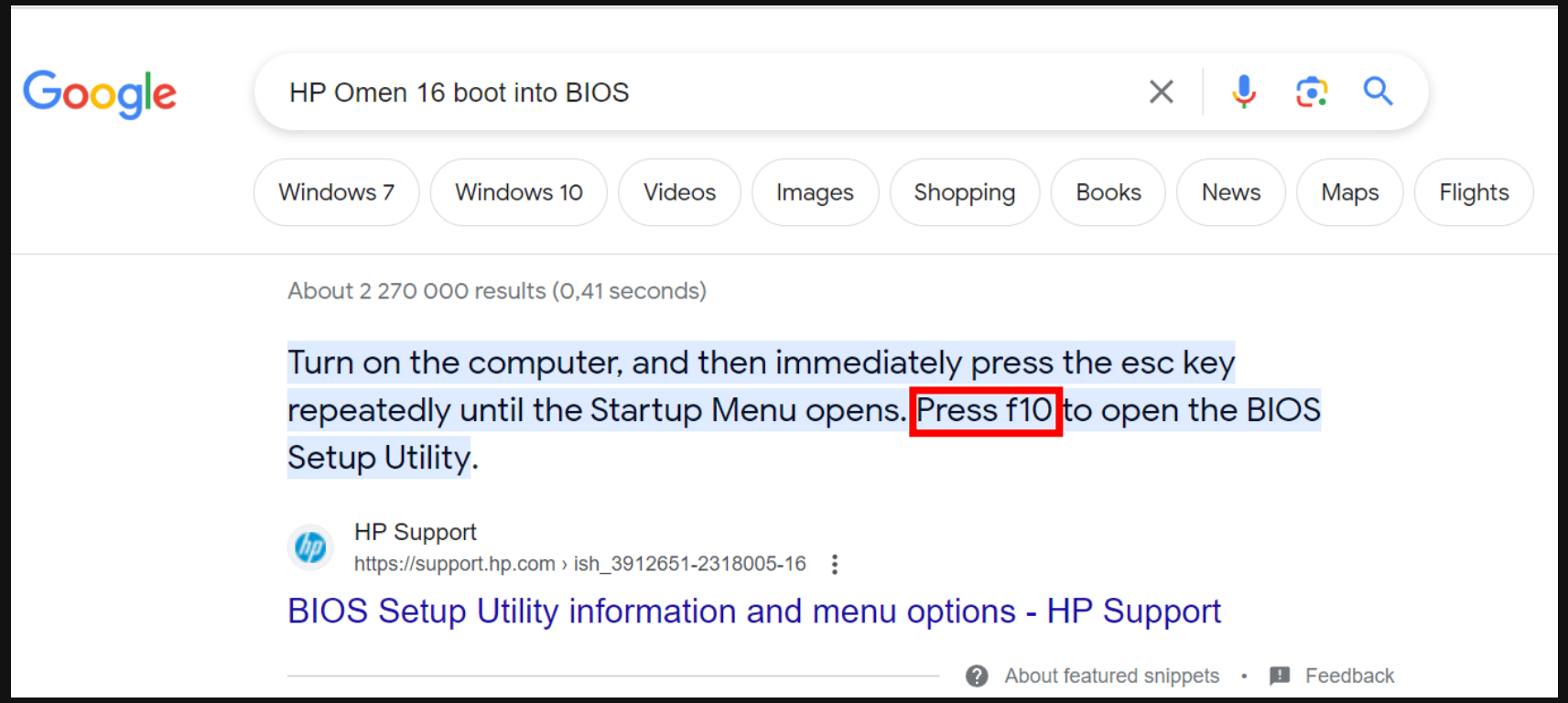
Sony	F11, Esc, F10
Toshiba	F12
others...	F12, Esc



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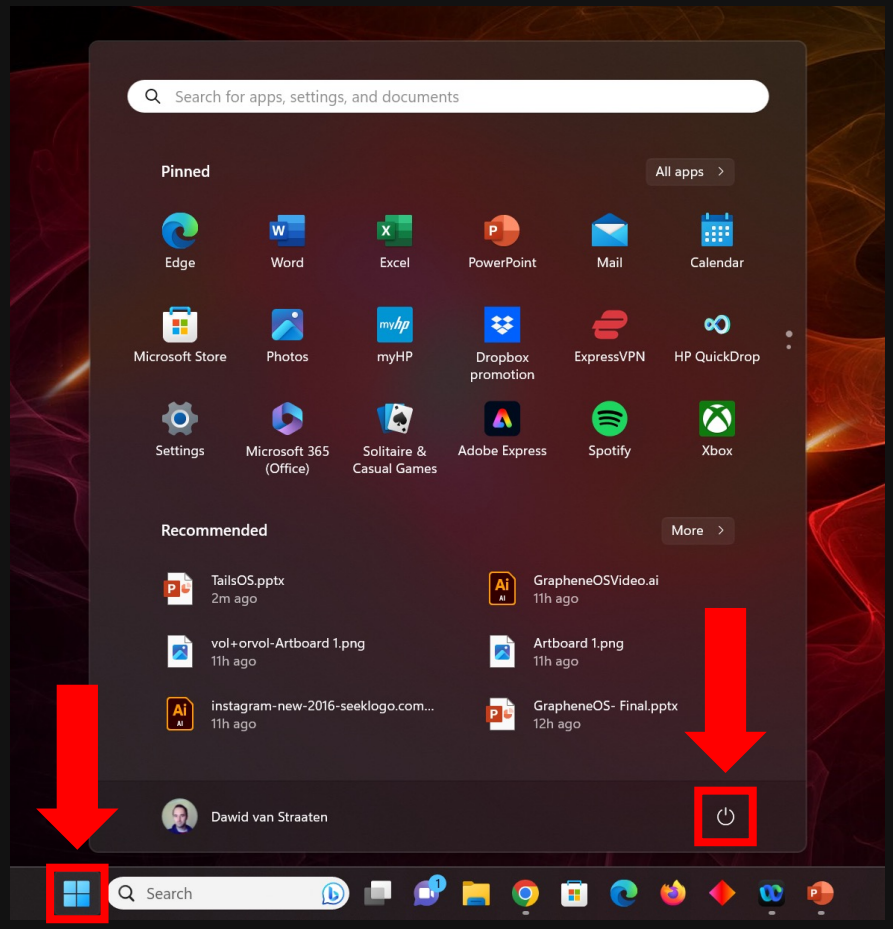
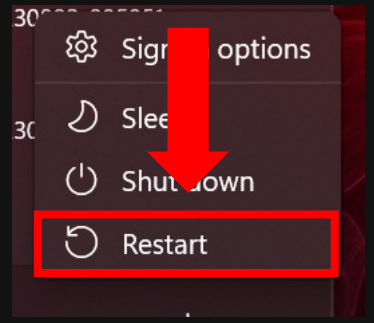
11. Click on the Windows 11 start button. Hold the Shift button then press the power button and click to Restart.





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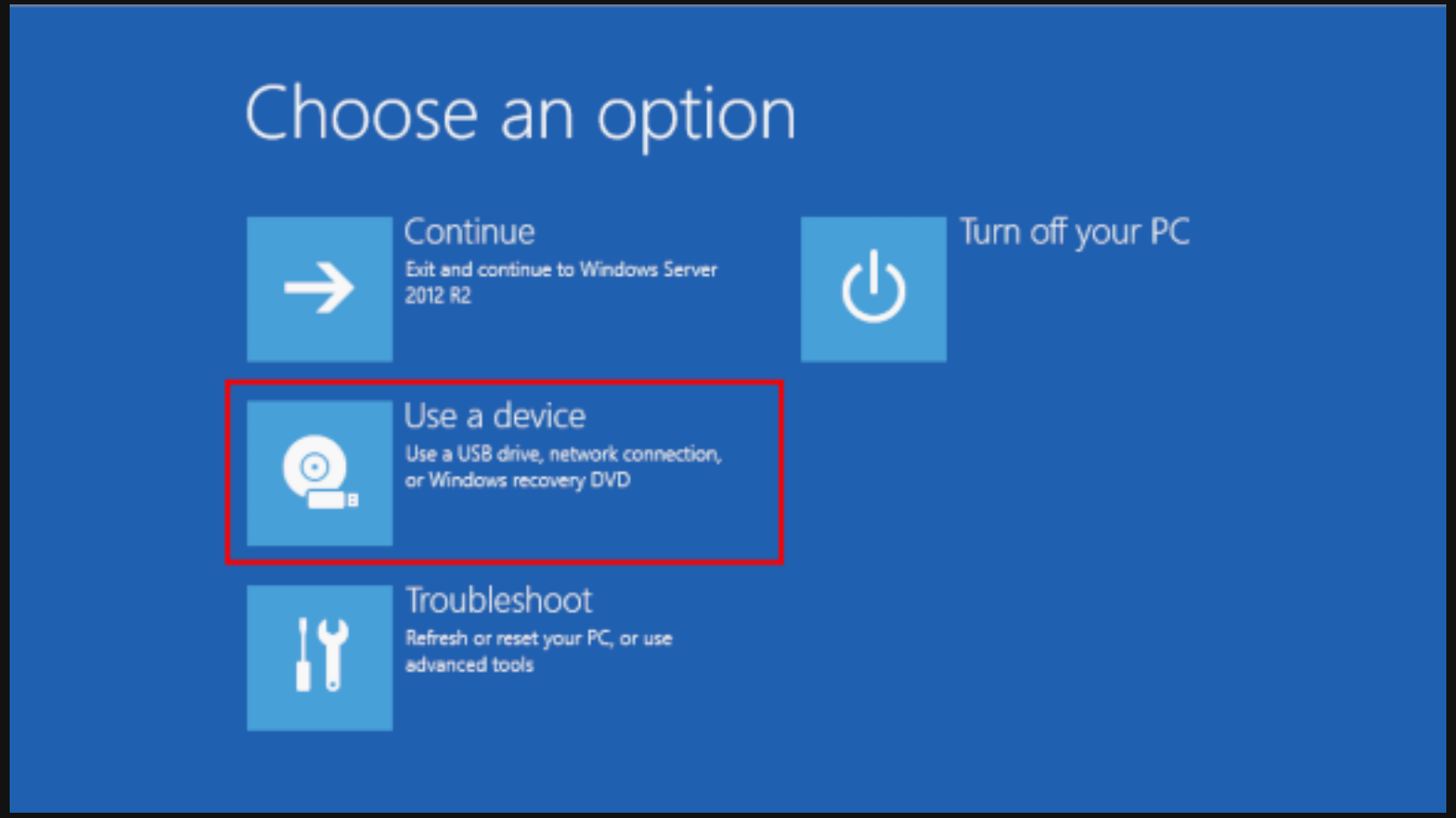
12. In the Choose an option menu, select Use a device and pick the Boot menu if there is an option.


Choose an option
Continue
Exit and continue to Windows Server 2012 R2
Turn off your PC
Use a device
Use a USB drive, network connection, or Windows recovery DVD
Troubleshoot
Refresh or reset your PC, or use advanced tools

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13. Select the Device you want to boot from. In my install I had to go into the BIOS and change the Boot sequence on my machine to boot into the USB first. Heed the following but of advice from the Tails team about when to plug in the Tails USB.

We recommend that you only plug in your Tails USB stick while Windows is shutting down. Otherwise, a virus in Windows could infect your Tails USB stick and break its security.

Such an attack is possible in theory but very unlikely in practice. We don't know of any virus capable of infecting Tails. See our warning on plugging Tails in untrusted systems.

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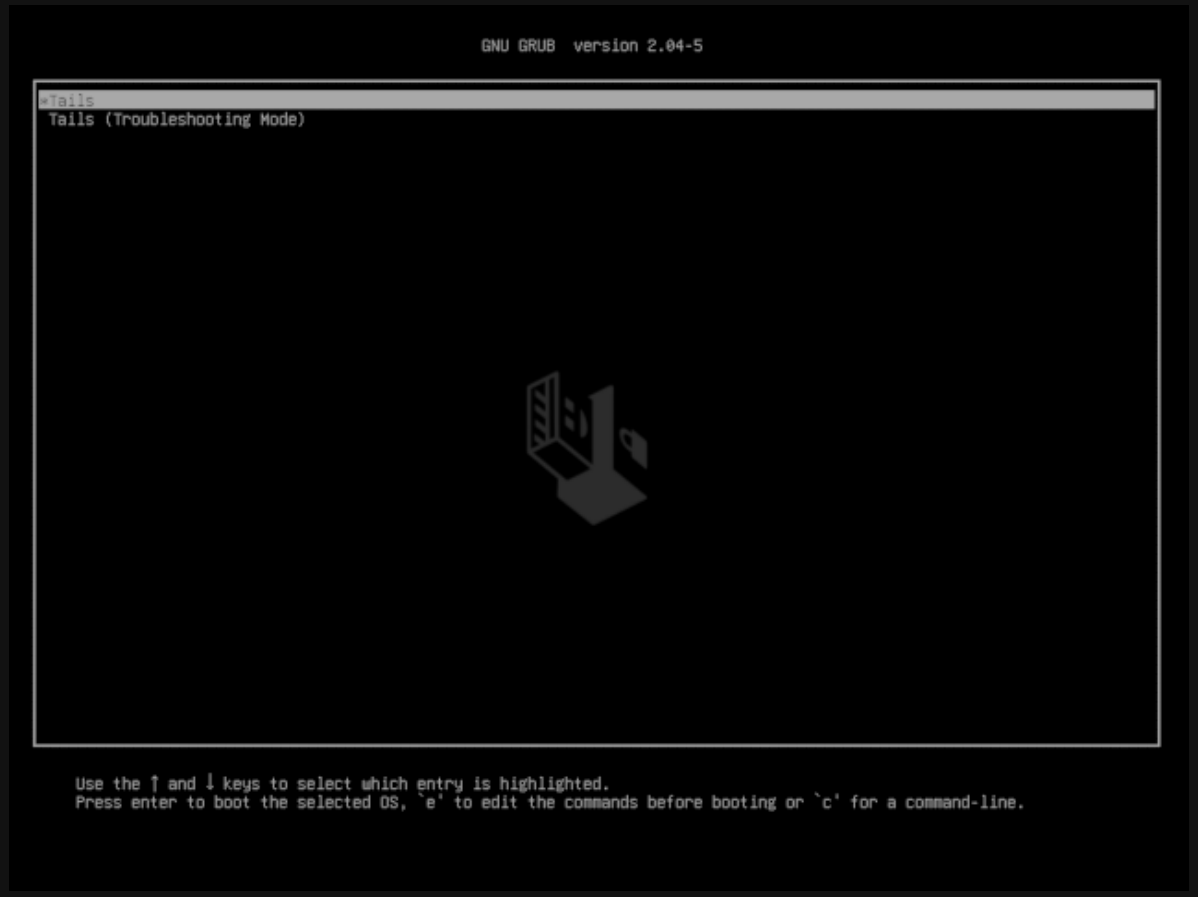
14. When the computer starts on Tails the bootloader gives you the option of Tails or the Tails (Troubleshoorting Mode). Leave the selection on Tails for 4 seconds or press enter to boot into Tails.


GNU GRUB version 2.04-5
*Tails
Tails (Troubleshooting Mode)
Use the ↑ and ↓ keys to select which entry is highlighted.
Press enter to boot the selected OS, `e' to edit the commands before booting or `c' for a command-line.

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Get more information

1. Website: https://www.youtube.com/davidbombal
2. Website: https://tails.net/